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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-145194)
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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/1/67, concerning plans of the Ford Foundation and the Teamsters Union to give sums of money to the SCLC.

Enclosed are ten copies of an LHM reporting information which is pertinent to the Ford Foundation promise to give to the SCLC. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office and one copy is enclosed for the information of the Chicago Office.

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With regard to the promise of the Teamsters Union to make periodic contributions to the SCLC, the NYO has received no additional information shedding light as to whether its promise has been fulfilled. However, the NYO will remain alert to such information as well as to additional information concerning the Ford Foundation matter. u

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New York, New York
February 3, 1967

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Communist Infiltration of the
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference, SCLC
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On February 2, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had received information indicating that Stanley Levison was in contact with Dr. Kenneth Clark, a professor at the City College of New York on that date. Although the source was not positive that their contact was in regard to the SCLC, he knew that it concerned the Ford Foundation's decision to make a gift to a civil rights project with which Martin Luther King (President of the SCLC) is affiliated. The information which the source ascertained was as follows:

Levison wanted to know if Dr. Clark had heard anything new from the Ford Foundation. Clark related that he recently spent time at the headquarters of the Ford Foundation, and had learned that the Foundation had positively decided to make the grant. In fact, Clark commented that whether or not the Foundation acted before King returned to the United States from Jamaica, there would be funds on which to operate the organization. Levison was very jubilant after hearing this, and said the SCLC Board would be very happy to hear the news.

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC

In response to an inquiry from Clark as to when King planned to return to the United States, Levison opined that it would be around February 10, 1967. Clark wanted to know this, since he wanted to write King to inform him of the decision of the Foundation. Levison furnished King's address as the Villa Le Geno, Ochorios, Jamaica 5

With regard to the projected gift from the Ford Foundation to the SCLC, the same source furnished information on October 11, 1966, that Stanley Levison was in contact with officials of the Ford Foundation concerning the possibilities of the SCLC obtaining a grant from this Foundation

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 19, 1966, that King had met with Mc George Bundy, Director of the Ford Foundation, at which time Bundy offered a grant of \$3,000,000.00 to the SCLC to help in many of its programs. u

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information from [REDACTED]. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office and one copy is enclosed for the information of the Chicago Office.

It was the source's belief that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Jamaica, STANLEY LEVISON was in New York City, and ANDREW YOUNG and RALPH ABERNATHY were in Chicago when the conference in question took place.

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Communist Infiltration of the
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On January 10, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information had come to his attention which disclosed that a conference took place on that date between Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)), Stanley Levison, Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) and Ralph Abernathy (Secretary-Treasurer of the SCLC). The conference, according to the information furnished by the source, was in regard to the following:

Levison was concerned about an article which appeared in newspapers several days ago in which Hosea Williams (Director of Special Projects, SCLC) claimed that Negroes in Chicago were not interested in registering to vote and, therefore, that was the reason the SCLC's drive in that city was not succeeding. It was Levison's feeling that Williams had breached a trust entrusted in him, and that he was trying to blame someone else for his failure. Levison reportedly had told Young that if he were King, he would fire Hosea Williams.

King was very upset over Williams' story, especially since the articles made it appear as though the drive in Chicago had failed and, therefore, he (King) should not have commenced the drive in the first place. It was King's suggestion to have Young and Abernathy calm Williams, but Levison was of the opinion that something more than calming him was involved. It was Levison's feeling that Williams was not competent to conduct the Chicago registration drive. The treatment to be given Williams, Levison felt, should be to have him stripped of his title as Director of the Chicago drive.

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Communist Infiltration of the
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It was King's feeling that such drastic action advocated by Levison should not be taken without King having the opportunity to confront Williams in person. Although Levison agreed to abide by King's position, he instructed Abernathy to relate to Williams that he (Levison) wanted his title taken away or to dismiss him. Levison wanted to get across to Williams just how much he was upset over his conduct.

Levison reportedly commented that due to Williams' impulsiveness, the SCLC is always being embarrassed by some statement he makes off the top of his head. King agreed with Levison and said Williams alienates so many people wherever he goes and then looks for someone to blame for his own shortcomings.

It was agreed that with reference to the Williams statement, that Young and Abernathy should issue some statement repudiating the article attributed to Williams. King instructed Young to tell Williams just how upset he was over his statement and that it could not be taken lightly.

King, in digressing to another subject, said he was also upset over articles in magazines which inferred that his day was over and that he could no longer appeal to the people in the ghetto. It was his feeling that such articles contribute nothing positive.

Levison felt that in regard to the SCLC's efforts in Chicago, that a proper interpretation should be explained to reporters covering the scene. The approach which Williams took, Levison commented, was from a defensive standpoint. In order to rebut Williams, Levison said reporters should be told that problems in the Northern cities are quite different from those the SCLC experienced in its Southern drives.

Levison, the source advised, planned to go to Chicago on SCLC business, January 20, 1967, and would contact Williams upon his arrival.

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[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois 60636

Dear [REDACTED] b7(C)

Your letter of January 15th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiries, the Department of Justice has made no change in its regulations concerning the confidential nature of FBI files. You might also be interested to know the same regulations preclude me from expressing a personal opinion which is based on information obtained in connection with my official duties.

I can assure you the FBI is well aware of its responsibilities in the internal security field and will continue to discharge our duties in this regard with the same thoroughness and dispatch that have characterized our investigations in the past.

Your letter and its enclosure are being returned in accordance with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Only information in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent is a copy of his letter to Senator Dirksen dated 7-13-66.

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Chicago, Illinois 60636

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
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United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Jan 15, 1967

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I write to you direct, as I just received a letter from The Honorable Everett M. Dirksen U. S. Senator from Illinois. He enclosed a letter you sent to him in reference to my enclosed hand bill. Your letter reads as follows quote "August 1, 1966. My dear Senator: I received your letter of July 28th together with communication from your constituent, [REDACTED] and his enclosure

With respect to his inquiry, information contained in F. B. I files must be maintained as confidential I trust your constituent will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

I am returning his letter and enclosure as you requested.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Hoover once again I send you the same hand-bill concerning Martin Luther King. I ask you again if this photo on the hand bill is authentic, and is the information contained on it is true? If you can-not use your F. B. I files as reference, I ask for your personal opinion. I respect you Mr. Hoover very much, but I am at a total loss why as the head of the FBI which is suppose to fight internal Communism, refuses to bring to light the back ground of Mr. King. He is a public figure and in public life, which leaves him open to question. How can you be silent about Mr. King if he is or ever was a Communist. He carries a large following and I don't think its right for them to be held in ignorance of Mr. Kings background. I request as a tax payer to be kept informed of these public figures if they have any Un-American background.

Please return my handbill with your reply, also my letter.

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[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois 60636
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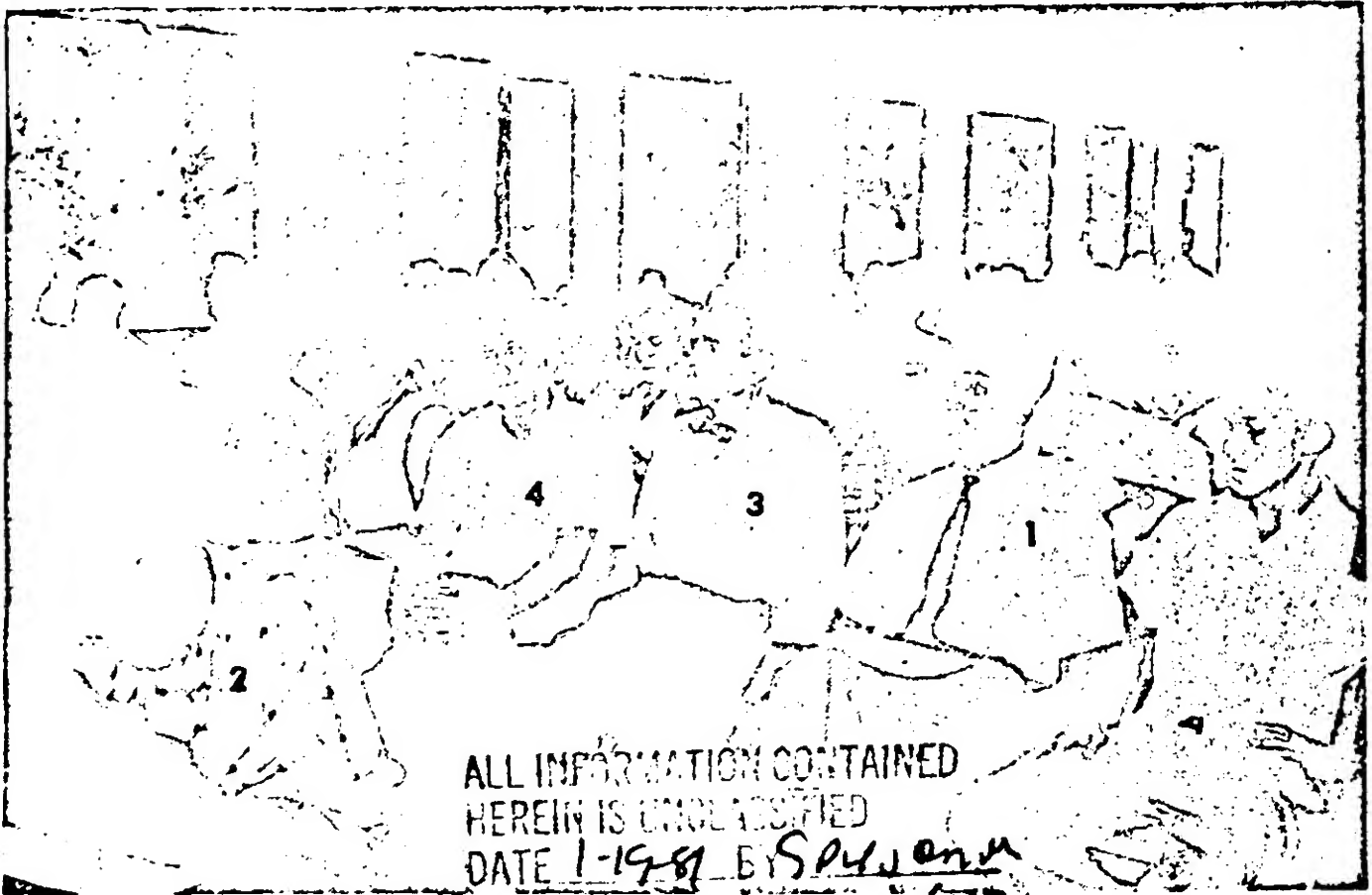
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MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

**JOIN IN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE WHITE CIVILIZATION FROM THESE and OTHER
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan

January 18, 1967

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

On January 14, 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a conference with civil rights leaders, A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. Also included in the conference were Stanley Levison, principal advisor to King, and two of King's aides, Ralph D. Abernathy and Andrew J. Young. At this conference, it was proposed that a meeting of leading Negro civil rights leaders be held in New York City on January 16, 1967. The purpose of the meeting would be to issue a joint statement by this Negro leadership indicating that they do not condone Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's misconduct and arrogance. Congressman Powell is a United States Representative from New York. This group feels that Powell should be seated in Congress because of constitutional provisions. This proposed statement would also back a rule change in Congress regarding the ethical conduct of members of Congress, providing the rule is applied impartially to all members.

This proposed meeting would be confined to Randolph, Rustin, and representatives of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Urban League.

On January 17, 1967, Bayard Rustin and Stanley Levison were in conference at which time Rustin advised Levison of details concerning the meeting of the previous day. Rustin complained to Levison that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was not represented.

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DATE: Jan 18 1967

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Rustin advised that he wrote the statement adopted which took the general position that civil rights leaders did not support Powell in his outside activities, but they did object to his being unseated. This was denying him the due process of law and also was denying the people of New York State their right to representation in Congress. He said these groups do not advocate a double standard, but they want one standard applied uniformly.

During the early 1940's Bayard Rustin was a member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/18/67

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. Sullivan
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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a letterhead memorandum containing the following information:

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[redacted] advised on 1/14/67 that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a conference with civil rights leaders, A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin, former communist. Also included in the conference were Stanley Levison, principal advisor to King and long-time secret communist, and two of King's aides, Ralph D. Abernathy and Andrew J. Young. At this conference, it was proposed that a meeting of leading Negro civil rights leaders be held in New York City on January 16, 1967. The purpose of the meeting would be to issue a joint statement by this Negro leadership indicating that they do not condone Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's misconduct and arrogance. Congressman Powell is a United States Representative from New York. This group feels that Powell should be seated in Congress because of constitutional provisions. This proposed statement would also back a rule change in Congress regarding the ethical conduct of members of Congress, providing the rule is applied impartially to all members. *b7(C)*

This proposed meeting would be confined to Randolph, Rustin, and representatives of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Urban League.

On 1/17/67 Bayard Rustin and Stanley Levison were in conference at which time Rustin advised Levison of details concerning the meeting of the previous day. Rustin complained to Levison that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was not represented.

Enclosures
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Memorandum C.D. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

Rustin advised that he wrote the statement adopted which took the general position that civil rights leaders did not support Powell in his outside activities, but they did object to his being unseated. This was denying him his due process of law and also was denying the people of New York State their right to representation in Congress. He said these groups do not advocate a double standard, they want one standard applied uniformly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded by routing slips to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President; the Acting Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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Re New York teletype of 1/14/67, concerning conference between MARTIN LUTHER KING and some of his advisers, which took place on that date. u

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating the information contained in referenced teletype. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office. One copy is also enclosed for the information of WFO. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 17, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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On January 14, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that a conference between Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levison, A. Philip Randolph (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters), Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) and Ralph Abernathy (Secretary-Treasurer of the SCLC) took place on that date. It was further learned by the source that their conference was in regard to the controversy over Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and in particular, the refusal of Congress to seat Powell. According to the information received by the source, the following was, in substance, what transpired during their discussion:

First of all, Randolph announced that on Monday, January 16, 1967, he would hold a meeting at his office in New York City to discuss with civil rights leaders and other leaders in various walks of life, Congressman Powell's arrogance and misconduct and then issue a statement pointing out that the Negro leadership does not condone his conduct.

King announced that he would not be able to attend the meeting at Randolph's because he was going on vacation to Jamaica. However, he was glad to hear that some action was being planned since his organization needs a sense of direction on the matter.

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The question arose as to what kind of organization Randolph has organized to handle those matters pertinent to Powell's difficulty with Congress. It was learned from Randolph that he had organized a committee called Justice and Congress which will be made up of civil rights leaders and some church leaders. This committee, according to Randolph, will be an Ad Hoc Committee until a meeting of rights leaders takes place in Washington in two weeks, at which time the committee will go out of existence.

It was Rustin's opinion that some decision must be reached on Monday to control Powell. He mentioned that Powell had been running around the country telling everyone that he had Randolph and that "stupid King" in his pocket. It was Rustin's conclusion that unless Powell is stopped, he will ruin the entire civil rights movement. Rustin, the source mentioned, has very little sympathy for Powell.

King pointed out that he had received numerous letters from people who were outraged because he supported Powell. These people, King mentioned, were disillusioned and felt that Negro leaders had been very dishonest in supporting Powell without pointing out that he was responsible for the treatment he is receiving. It was King's conclusion that in supporting Powell, it looked as if they (Negro leaders) were condoning immorality in terms of conduct when it comes to the money questions and all of the other things that finally came out concerning Powell. King admitted that he would not mind facing the criticism and loss of money that he would surely suffer as long as Powell appreciated it, but was of the opinion that he (Powell) did not appreciate the support.

Randolph agreed that many white people who have a very fine record on civil rights, feel that when the Negro leadership came out in support of Powell, that it had displayed a lack of civic righteousness. In order to offset this attitude, Randolph felt that it must be made clear that the Negro leadership has a Constitutional obligation to support Powell.

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It was Rustin's feeling that what they (the Negro leadership) should say in any press release is that with regard to the tragic situation with Powell as with others, what we (the Negro leadership) now call for is the abolishment of the Rules Committee as it is now set up, and that an ethical standard be established on which all people could be judged.

It was Levison's position that no longer could the Negro leadership "pussyfoot" on the issue. He maintained that the Negro leadership was already in an unbalanced situation, in that the country believes that the Negro leadership had backed Powell on everything he had done. Levison enumerated two points which he said had to be gotten across to the public: one, the Constitutional and Congressional issues that are involved in the hope that they can understand; and the other, what the Negro leadership feels about Powell. In explaining what he meant, Levison was of the opinion that if Negro leaders could call Powell arrogant in private, they should also say the same in public.

Levison expressed confidence that if the most prominent Negro leaders were to make a statement that Powell's misconduct was misconduct, it would get a press play that would be big enough to wash out any preliminary or temporary confusion that he may have created.

The conference concluded on a note of agreement that on Monday, January 16, 1967, following the meeting at Randolph's office, a statement would be issued pointing out that the Negro leadership concludes that what is involved in this case are principles that are bigger than ordinary Congressional rules. But these rules, whatever they may be, have to be applied to everyone, the statement will include. The statement will also urge that Congress respect the Congressional District which elected Powell.

Rustin announced that Monday's noon meeting will be attended by Randolph, Rustin, representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Whitney Young, Director of the Urban League, and representatives from the SCLC.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. u

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. u

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. u

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates. \$u1

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters

and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (u) \$

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

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Lynnwood, Washington 98036

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 3rd, with enclosure, and it was good of you to bring the information furnished to my attention. I can assure you the FBI does not provide Special Agents to accompany the individual you mentioned, and there is no provision whereby this Bureau can offer personal protection to anyone.

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JAN 12 1967

COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent wrote to the Director on 9/28/66 expressing kind comments. The Director's letter of 10/4/66 thanked her for her comments. "Documentation," the publication forwarded, is not identifiable in our files; however, an analysis of the January, 1967, issue reflects this is a conservative publication consisting of excerpt articles from newspapers across the country. On page 2 the point is made Martin Luther King is accompanied by personal body guards and a detail of Bureau Agents. On page 3 Gus Hall is quoted as commenting on the success of the Communist Party and what he termed the "responsible left." On page 4 the Director's picture appears in an article on wiretapping written by Mrs. Sarah McClendon which strongly supports the position of the Director.

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It is noted the comments about Martin Luther King appeared in the 11/15/66 issue of the Washington Observer Newsletter. This publication appears semimonthly, and is published in Washington, D. C. We have never had occasion to investigate it, and the Washington Observer Newsletter is not connected in any way with the well-known newspaper, "Washington Observer."

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I also want to thank you for some reading material sent me
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Again, I remain

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WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSLETTER



KING OF HYPOCRISY

The famed civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, has two personal bodyguards who travel with him and at all times are ready to leap to the defense of their leader.

In addition, King has less obvious bodyguards in his entourage. A detail of FBI agents accompany the famous man almost everywhere. King's safety must mean much to some in the Administration.

At the same time, the FBI agents double in function by spying on his activities—and especially the secret comrades who furnish him with money, intelligence information about his enemies and even stolen cars.

A few months ago it was revealed in a few local southern papers that the King organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had established a regular market in stolen cars. When Dr. King wanted a new car for himself or a girl friend, he would simply have one stolen by Hosea Williams, who is aide-de-camp to Dr. King.

Said an anonymous Justice Department official in Georgia, as quoted by the March 18, 1966 Atlanta Journal:

"Today it is auto theft. Maybe tomorrow it will be murder. Don't let them (the Federal Government) tell you this isn't a cover up. They are covering up for civil rights groups which seem to be getting bigger and stronger than the United States Government."

The private life of King is filled with interesting incidents. FBI agents have a picture of him shaking hands with a top Soviet agent at the Kennedy International Airport in New York. And more potentially explosive still, is King's carryings-on with women.

King and his cohorts have staged wild parties in at least one Washington hotel.

King is brazen about his immoral conduct because he knows that he is immune from federal prosecution. J. Edgar Hoover has publicly called King, "the most notorious liar in America."

When the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Un-American Activities Committee sought to obtain a copy of the FBI case file on King, Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach invoked executive privilege. And when a direct appeal was made to President Johnson to make available to Congress the King report, for use in executive hearings, he declined, blandly explaining that it was not good policy to override his Cabinet officers.

Incidentally, United Auto Workers president, Walter Reuther, is helpfully contributing \$30,000 annually to the Reverend Dr. King out of the union's till.

Socialism in Saskatchewan: A Fiasco

(From an address by the Hon. W. Ross Thatcher, premier of Saskatchewan, before the Edison Electric Institute in San Francisco, June 8.)

SASKATCHEWAN for 20 years—from 1944 to 1964—had a Socialist government—about the only one in North America, except Castro's.

In 1944, the Socialists said they would solve the unemployment problems by building government factories. They promised to use the profit to build highways, schools, hospitals and to finance better social welfare measures generally. Over the years they set up 22 so-called crown corporations. I wish that time permitted me to tell you of the fiasco that followed.

By the time we had taken over the government, 24 months ago, 14 of the crown corporations had gone bankrupt or been disposed of. Other were kept operating by repeated and substantial government grants.

DURING the whole period the Socialists waged war against private business. The making of profits was condemned as an unforgivable sin. What was the result? Investors simply turned their backs on the Socialists. Dozens of oil companies pulled up stakes and moved out. Gas exploration ground to a complete halt. Prospecting in our vast north became almost non-existent.

During the period Canada was experiencing the greatest economic boom in her history, Saskatchewan received only a handful of new factories. After 18 years of socialism there were fewer jobs in manufacturing than existed in 1945—this despite the investment of \$500 million in crown corporations.

The Socialists promised a greatly expanded program of social welfare measures: there was to be "free" medical care, "free" hospitalization care "free" drugs and so on. The money to finance these projects was to come from the profits of the crown corporations. Of course, in the overall picture, there were no profits—rather there were colossal losses. Thus the welfare program had to be financed from taxation.

During the period more than 600 completely new taxes were introduced; 650 other taxes were increased. "Per capita" taxes in Saskatchewan were soon substantially out of line with our sister provinces—one more reason why industry located elsewhere.

TWENTY YEARS AGO the Socialists promised to make Saskatchewan a Mecca for the working man. Instead, we saw the greatest mass exodus of people out of an area since Moses led the Jews out of Egypt. Since the war, 270,000 of our citizens left Saskatchewan to find employment elsewhere.

Finally our people decided they had been the Canadian guinea pig for socialism long enough. They threw them out.

It is the task of our new government to prove in the next few years that the private enterprise system can do more for our people than socialism.

If there are any Americans who think that socialism is the answer, I wish they would come to Saskatchewan and study what has happened to our province.

"More and more British doctors are migrating to the United States, where they can make better money than at home and often work with better hospital equipment.

"Reason: British Socialist medicine is not proving out as long promised—even as most Socialist cure-alls and panaceas eventually backfire in the faces of nations that fall for them...Let's take the British misfortune as a warning to us...that our own super-medicare and Socialist-medicine fanatics, if we let them, can in time (and maybe not much time at that) pretty much ruin medical service in the U.S.A."

— New York DAILY NEWS

"Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge." Isaiah 5-13

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There is nothing quite as exciting as BEGINNINGS. Here you see the beginning of the new VOA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER — an outgrowth of all that you and we have invested for the sake of freedom. These new facilities will permit an enlargement and intensification of our effectiveness for Americanism.

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This Center will be available to every one of us. When it is completed, students may come from all over the country to study a broad spectrum of subjects. This will be a preparation place for conservative patriots, equipping them to assume their role of leadership.

THIS GREAT COUNTRY IS WORTH SAVING and the students who attend this Center will be prepared to do the job.

With your continued financial support and encouragement we will FINISH AND OPERATE THE CENTER for American Leadership Training.

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Wire Taps Traced To Att'y. General



FBI Director
J. Edgar Hoover

failing to report income taken from Las Vegas and California interests for so-called "services" in Washington, and not Mr. Baker. One might think from the distortions of these columnists, that it was Mr. Hoover who was removed of his job as secretary to the Senate democrats because he allegedly took kickbacks on contracts or used government influence and high-ranking friends to make sure that some defense contractors got to do business with the government.

Let's set the record straight — it is not Mr. Hoover who is the culprit here.

It is not Mr. Hoover who orders wire taps. Mr. Hoover takes orders from the Justice Department, more particularly the Attorney General.

By Sarah McClendon
WASHINGTON — It is time to set the record straight about J. Edgar Hoover and wire tapping, particularly in connection with the Bobby Baker case.

One might think from reading some of the columns fed out recently by persons with a purpose that Mr. Hoover is the one who is being tried for

Los Angeles Times
9-12-66

20,000 Soviet Youths Take Communist Oath

Rally in Moscow's Red Square Climaxes Year-Long Drive to Instill Patriotism

MOSCOW (AP) — More than 20,000 young people marched through Red Square before top Soviet leaders Sunday and took an oath to build communism and struggle against "imperialism."

The colorful rally—displaying flags, portraits, banners, slogans, military bands, balloons and parade floats — climaxed a yearlong drive to instill patriotic feelings in Soviet youths.

As Sunday's rally closed a voice boomed out:

"This is Red Square speaking. Let the country and the world listen to the voice of Soviet Youth."

Perhaps 10 million youngsters throughout the country have taken part in marches to battle sites and monuments aimed at giving them a better understanding of the Soviet struggle in World War II.

Marchers included Pioneers, the organization for school children 9 to 14, and the Komsomol, the Communist league of teenagers and young adults.

Chicago Tribune
11-23-1966

3 BAPTISTS GET PRISON TERMS IN SOVIET UNION

MOSCOW, Nov. 22 (Reuters) — A court in Cheboksary, on the Volga, has sentenced three women to three years hard labor for running an illegal Baptist school, the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya reported here today.

The three belonged to a different Baptist sect which refuses to recognize the state-registered Baptist church and is proving a headache for Russia's rulers.

It is the fourth trial of its kind to be reported this year.

NEWS TRIBUNE, Fullerton, California
Saturday Evening, October 15, 1966

'Underground' School to Open

BERKELEY (UPI) — The Free University of Berkeley — which offers no exams, no homework and no credit—begins classes Monday in such subjects as astrology, draft-dodging, black power and political revolution.

The underground institution plans to offer 31 courses during its second year of operation. About 200 persons are expected to pay the \$10 tuition charge.

The most popular course, "Journey Into Awareness," won't start until November. About 50 persons are expected for a class taught by Richard Alpert, who was fired from Harvard for experiments with the psychedelic drug LSD.

Other courses listed in the catalog, which says the university "rejects the educational establishment," include seven devoted to political revolution and Marxism-Leninism.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1966
Los Angeles Times

BILL HENRY

The Future Is Clouded

WASHINGTON—Year's end is the time for a look at the situation, particularly the international situation which is always a bit murky. Experts are few and far statements are hard to come by but here's a thumbnail summary on the Communist menace after talking with the best informed people in this town. There is no point in pretending that the outlook is very cheerful.

Russia. Alexei Kosygin is no improvement over his predecessors. He firmly believes communism will eventually sweep the world, not by conquest but by the so-called people's revolution. If you look at history you will see that the only Soviet



concession of any consequence came at the point of a gun when Khrushchev forced President Kennedy to put up or shut up. JFK's reply was the very grim presence of U.S. warships (off Cuba) and the Soviet had to back down in a hurry. But the Russians have made no voluntary concessions in the interests of world peace. They are no more peaceful than they ever were — just more careful.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee will soon start very hush-hush hearings concerning former U.S. prisoners of war who defected to Red China. Several of the returned turncoats are espionage agents for Mao. And some of them have gone so far underground that their whereabouts are unknown even to investigative agencies.

—Washington Observer, Newsletter



ALLEN

By ROBERT S. ALLEN
and PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. Security authorities are bracing for a world wide wave of terrorism and sabotage against U.S. government and private installations.

These clandestine operations, aimed at undermining U.S. influence and business overseas, are expected to be carried out by a new corps of Soviet-organized and trained agents operating from Communist Cuba.

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WHILE OFFICIALS are un-

der White House orders not to talk publicly about this threat, President Johnson's advisers are studying warnings from intelligence sources that some of these saboteurs may be armed with a deadly new weapon — "atomic demolition munitions."

These one-man ADMs, as the nuclear weapons are called, have been in production in Russia since 1960, and are being turned out in several forms.

One design, capable of destroying large bridges, dams, tunnels, storage-tank complexes

and embassies, is a mine-type device approximately 18 inches in length and weighing around 70 pounds.

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THIS A-WEAPON packs an explosive power of .1 kiloton, and can be smuggled into a country in a suitcase.

Another ADM consists of two parts, each weighing approximately 80 pounds. This device, which can be assembled in a half hour by a trained saboteur, has an explosive yield of .5 kiloton, comparable to some 600 tons of TNT.

Both ADMs are specifically designed for guerrilla use, and reportedly were brought into Cuba recently under Russian guard and stored in underground depots.

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SECRET KGB OPERATION

—An intelligence report shown a selected congressional group states that these portable atomic demolition munitions are under the control of the nuclear division of the Partisan Directorate of the KGB—the Soviet secret police.

Inside Washington

The Daily Review, Hayward, California

Havana Plans



SCOTT

Vol. V TIMBER NOVEMBER 1966

THE METHODIST CHURCH is inoculating U. of Washington students with Marxism and Socialism. Wesley House Foundation is the Methodist Church's student center.

On April 24, a conference was held in Wesley House to form a new independent Socialist Youth organization whose prime purpose was "to initiate classes in basic Marxist and Socialist thought". The organization was named "The Militant Forum". It is headed by Leonard Deborah.

They have such speakers as Syd Stapleton, national committee member of the Young Socialist Alliance and a member of the Berkeley Vietnam Day Committee. Sydney Stapleton and his wife, Elizabeth are typical of the Trotskyist Communist element in the FSM (Free Speech Movement). Sydney was a member of the FSM executive and steering committees, and both were arrested during the Sproul Hall invasion. (from page 149 Cal. 13th Report on Un-American Activities)

GEORGE NOVACK, Marxist scholar and author of *Origins of Materialism*, the *Trotsky Anthology* and editor of *Existentialism vs. Marxism*, is to be the speaker at Wesley House Foundation on Nov. 5th.

SAN FRANCISCO
NEWS CALL BULLETIN
July 28, 1965



COMMUNIST GUS HALL

"We don't need fronts..."

U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, Oct. 31, 1966

WASHINGTON, D. C., CRIME PROBLEM

More crimes committed—

In 1957, there were 15,554 serious crimes committed in the nation's capital.

Then began a series of federal-court rulings restricting police, protecting rights of suspected criminals.

In the last year, there were 34,700 serious crimes in Washington—more than double the number nine years ago.

Fewer crimes solved—

In 1957, police solved 49.5 per cent of all serious crimes committed in Washington.

As restrictions on police increased, the percentage of serious crimes that were solved went steadily down.

In the last year, police solved only 26.3 per cent of all serious crimes—a record barely half as good as that of 1957.

Source: D. C. police department

'We're Winning'

Whatever others may think of the "new left," Gus Hall, the veteran and iron gray general secretary of the Communist Party, finds it all rather wonderful.

"We're winning Hall told UPI reporter Paul R. Jeschke at a friend's home in Oakland.

"Fronts are a thing of the past. We don't need them. We've got the W. E. B. Du Bois clubs, the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society going for us, but they're not 'fronts' in the usual sense of the word.

"They're just a part of the 'responsible left' — that portion of American youth that realizes society is sick.

"See you 'round the campus."

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Los Angeles, California

January 13, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

On January 4, 1967, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., accompanied by Bernard Lee, an aide, arrived in Los Angeles, California, at 9:00 PM, January 3, 1967 and immediately proceeded to the Hyatt House, near International Airport, Los Angeles, where they occupied Rooms 216 and 217. The visit to Los Angeles by King and Lee was not mentioned in the press or other news media and there had been no announcement of any contemplated public appearance by King. b7(D)

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Source advised on January 10, 1967, that King and Lee left Los Angeles for New York City at 11:00 AM, Pacific Standard Time, via American Airlines Flight 26. Source stated King and Lee had participated in no public activities during their stay in Los Angeles, and their presence in Los Angeles was not publicized in any way.

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Re New York teletype of 1/5/67, reporting information that KING is being encouraged to run for President of the United States in 1968.

Enclosed are ten copies of a LHM reporting information referenced above and elaborating on the conversation between KING and LEVISON. The source of the information was [redacted], a source close to LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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On January 5, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information had come to his attention which disclosed that Stanley Levison, Martin Luther King and Bernard Lee (assistant to King) were in contact on that date. The source said he learned that they discussed the following matters:

Levison related to King that Carey McWilliams, the Editor of "The Nation" magazine, had contacted him to see if King would be willing to participate in a conference on February 25, 1968, in California, which is being held by "The Nation". In describing the affair, Levison said it would be for the purpose of examining United States foreign policy as it concerns the Pacific, and in particular, as it concerns Vietnam. Among the participants will be Senators Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota and George McGovern of South Dakota.

King's presence on the panel, according to Levison, would be to talk on what he testified to during his presence before the Congressional Committee of Senator Abraham Ribicoff on December 15, 1966. In particular, Levison was of the opinion that King should say that the war in Vietnam is getting in the way of civil rights movement in this country.

King mentioned that he would have to check on his schedule before giving Levison a reply. He was pleased to hear that he would receive a \$1,000.00 honorarium to appear.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Another matter taken up by Levison and King was a request from Harry Wachtel that King meet with a group in New York City on Tuesday, January 10, 1967. It was Levison's opinion that the group, composed of Norman Thomas (leading National Socialist), William Coffin (Yale University Chaplain) and others, want to talk to King about the possibility of getting him to run for President of the United States in 1968.

King, after hearing this, said this (his candidacy) would admittedly be not with the idea of winning, confirming that it would be to give an alternative. King opined that such a meeting would be for the purpose of discussing politics, adding that he thought running would be an interesting idea.

Levison was of the opinion that in view of the way things are going, with the prospect that 1968 could be one of those frustrating situations for people, he thought some sober thought had to be given to King's candidacy.



The April 13, 1964 issue of "The New York Times", page 23, contained an advertisement of the Emergency Committee for Civil Liberties (ECLC) which lists Carey McWilliams of New York as a member of the ECLC Executive Committee.

A characterization of the ECLC is set forth in the appendix page.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, prepared and released a pamphlet dated November 8, 1957, entitled "Operation Abolition... The Campaign Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Government Security Program by the ECCL and its Affiliates". Pages eight and nine of this pamphlet contain information about Carey McWilliams which included the following: u

Chairman, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; member of council, American Peace Crusade; member of National Council, American Peace Mobilization; vice-chairman, National Federation of Constitutional Liberties; sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress; sponsor of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and sponsor of the American-Slav Congress u

The above-mentioned organizations have all been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, N.Y. This is a fund raising adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which Martin Luther King is President. u

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1.

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee: u

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.' u

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail. u

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APPENDIX

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists. u

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.) u

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" u

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: u

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) u
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) u
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" u

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Re Chicago teletypes, 1/6-9/67, above captioned.

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RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of
January 3, 1967, under the above caption and that of
"Proposed Demonstration by Englewood Action Committee
(EAC), Englewood Area, Chicago, Illinois, Racial Matter".

Referenced memorandum made mention in part to
a demonstration planned for Friday, January 6, 1967, by
the CFM - SCLC forces at the offices of the Board of
Election Commissioners, Chicago City Hall. The demonstra-
tion was to be over the issue of a voters registration
campaign being held in Chicago by the SCLC.

In this connection an article appeared in the
January 6, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a
daily Chicago newspaper. The article reflected that
civil rights leaders in Chicago on the evening of January
5, 1967, had been present at a rally at the Liberty Baptist
Church, 49th and South Park, Chicago. At this rally a
drive had been launched to encourage greater participation
by Negroes in the City's upcoming local elections.
Prominent Negro leaders from outside Chicago had attended
this rally inclusive of the following:

Robert Henry, first Negro Mayor of
Springfield, Ohio

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United States Representative John
Conyers, Democrat, Michigan

Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Vice-
President, SCLC

Hosea Williams, SCLC Director
of Political Education and Voter
Registration

Williams was identified as head of the voters registration campaign being launched in Chicago by the SCLC. He stated that Ward organizations will be created to bring pressure on local committeemen and precinct captains to see that Negroes are registered, are informed about important issues, and encouraged to vote.

Williams had stated at this rally that registration goals had originally been set for 225,000 unregistered voters, but "We won't be able to register nearly that many." Such a number would not be possible because of a recent ruling by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners which had rejected requests made by the CFM for additional Ward registration booths in predominantly Negro areas. Williams stated that the registration drive is expected to cost about \$30,000.00, which money is to be raised mostly through the SCLC and mass meetings and rallies, which will probably be scheduled in Chicago once or twice a week between the present time and the elections.

The "Chicago Tribune", a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of January 6, 1967, contained an article concerning a press conference held on January 5, 1967, at the Liberty Baptist Church. At this press conference Hosea Williams, Ralph Abernathy, and Representative Conyers had been present.

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Williams stated at this conference that the refusal of the local Board of Election Commissioners to open registration centers in Negro Wards left "no recourse but to mass our people for demonstrations" in the offices of the Board at City Hall. Williams stated that these demonstrations probably will be held at least once a week for the next month.

The article continued that the Election Board had rejected a proposal by Williams to open these centers in predominantly Negro Wards, stating that the resulting expense, estimated at half a million dollars, would be too great. The Board had made a counter proposal to extend both weekday and Saturday hours of registration, however, this proposal was rejected by Williams. N. Viet

During the course of the press conference, Reverend Abernathy was questioned concerning the current trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, by Mrs. Diane Bevel, wife of the Reverend James Bevel, another aide to Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., in Chicago. Abernathy had stated, "She goes with my personal best wishes, and I think Doctor King would feel as I do about this."

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On January 7, 1967, [REDACTED]

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advised the Chicago FBI Office as follows:

A meeting of SCLC - CFM leaders was held the previous evening on Chicago's south side to discuss plans for the voters registration campaign then in progress. Hosea Williams was present, as were representatives of the Co-ordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCC). The latter organization is the one which originally invited the SCLC to Chicago during the fall of 1965.

During this meeting Williams outlined plans to have voters registration efforts concentrated in certain political wards in the City where independent candidates have been announced or are expected to emerge. He stated that Monday, January 9, 1967, is to be a trial "freedom day" during which it is hoped that large numbers of persons will appear at the Board of Election Commissioners in Chicago's Loop area to register in such numbers that the Board will not be able to handle them. It is hoped that this will cause the Board to set up branch offices on Chicago's south side, which offices the CFM had originally requested from the Board. This voters registration drive is to take place during the week commencing January 9, 1967, with January 14, 1967, to be the day when it is hoped such large numbers of people will appear at the offices of the Election Board that traffic in the Loop area will be disrupted.

All civil rights organizations in the Chicago area are being asked to participate in this drive and those who agree to participate are to receive \$150.00 per week, provided by the

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Chicago Urban League, to be distributed to those individuals who are members of these organizations and who agree to actively work in connection with this registration campaign.

[REDACTED] no disturbance in connection with this voters registration campaign other than the possibility that a large number of persons might appear at the offices of the Board of Election Commissioners located in the County Building, immediately adjacent to Chicago's City Hall. He advised that there are no CFM plans to hold demonstrations as such for January 9, 1967, and it would appear that the activities of those persons who do appear will be confined to registration. [REDACTED] advised that Doctor King had not appeared at the rally on the evening of January 6, 1967, and there is no information available to [REDACTED] that King is, or has been in the Chicago area recently. b7(D)

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information to the Chicago FBI Office, as of 5:00 p.m., January 9, 1967:

No demonstration activity of any kind had taken place during the day at the offices of the Board of Election Commissioners in Chicago. A total of three buses, containing approximately 80-90 persons, were known to have arrived at the Board's offices during the late afternoon. Two of these buses were from Chicago's south side and one from Chicago's west side. There had been no problems, incidents or disturbances during the day. It subsequently developed that of those persons who arrived at the Board offices by bus, only approximately twenty were actually registrants, the remainder were simply observers. He advised [REDACTED] b7(D)
no problems in connection with this voters registration campaign at the present, feeling that during the remainder of January, 1967, efforts would continue on the part of the SCLC and CFM to

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received large numbers of people at the offices of the Board.
[REDACTED] information available [REDACTED]
advised that no demonstration type activity, as such, is
anticipated, [REDACTED]

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the Office of the United States Attorney and to the United
States Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI
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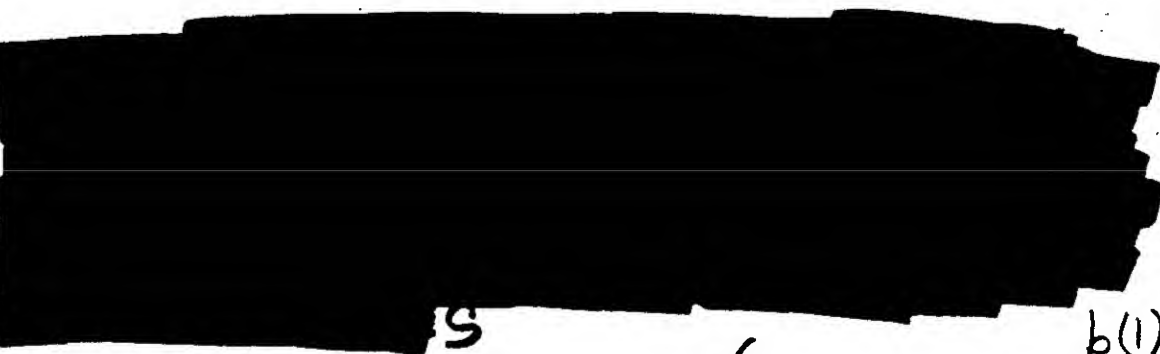
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The following information has been supplied by
confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished
reliable information in the past.

On January 9, 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr.,
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was
in conference with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison.
At this time, Levison urged King to take a stand publicly
supporting Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, New York, in
his fight to retain his seat in the United States House
of Representatives. Levison argued that King's silence
in this regard might be misinterpreted by the general
public.

King approved a statement that Levison had
written for King supporting Powell. This statement was
to be delivered to the Speaker of the House, United States
House of Representatives.

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NOTE:

See C. D. Brennan to Sullivan memorandum dated 1/10/67, same caption, prepared by DMW:deh. *u*

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 1/10/67

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - C. D. Brennan
1 - D. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a letterhead memorandum containing the following information:

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King approved a statement that Levison had written for King supporting Powell. This statement was to be delivered to the Speaker of the House, John W. McCormack.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Speaker of the House be notified of the above information by a representative of the Crime Records Division, and this is being furnished for his confidential information.

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded by routing slips to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President; the Acting Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO - ATLANTA

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ON JANUARY NINE INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT INFORMATION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION, WHICH DISCLOSED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE /SCLC/ AND STANLEY LEVISON WERE IN CONTACT ON THAT DATE CONCERNING THE CONTROVERSY OVER CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE SOURCE, THE FOLLOWING TRANSPIRED:

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LEVISON RELATED TO KING THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE DISTURBED OVER KING'S SILENCE IN THE CONTROVERSY AND WERE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS, SINCE ROY WILKINS, THE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE/NAACP/ CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF POWELL. LEVISON FELT THAT WHEN A FRONT OF DEFENSE THIS BROAD IS SET UP, DESPITE ALL THE RESERVATIONS KING MIGHT HAVE, HE /KING/

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COULD NOT STAY OUT OF IT WITHOUT BEING ISOLATED IN THE WRONG WAY. IN ELABORATING, LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THE NEGRO COMMUNITY WHY KING HAD STAYED OUT, WHEN ROY WILKINS, A GROUP OF CHURCHMEN AND THE PRINCIPAL NEGRO LEADERSHIP, HAD COME OUT IN POWELL-S DEFENSE.

IT WAS KING-S OPINION AFTER HEARING LEVISON-S ADVICE THAT HE SHOULD SAY SOMETHING DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE HAS TERRIBLE AGONIES OF CONSCIENCE ABOUT IT. IN EXPLAINING WHAT HE MEANT, KING REMARKED THAT HE KNEW POWELL MUCH MORE PERSONALLY THAN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME OUT IN HIS SUPPORT AND SAID, FRANKLY, HE DID NOT CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM BUT SAID HE HAD TO LOOK BEYOND HIS OWN FEELINGS ON THE ISSUE.

KING REFERRED TO POWELL-S LACK OF INTEGRITY AND HIS CRITICISM OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, BUT CONCLUDED THAT IF HE MUST MAKE A STATEMENT, HE MIGHT MAKE IT AS WELL-BALANCED AS POSSIBLE AND NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE CONDONED WHAT IS THE MOST BLATANT EXPRESSION OF PARADING IMMORALITY THAT POWELL CONSTANTLY DOES. THE STATEMENT, KING POINTED OUT, COULD NOT EMPHASIZE POWELL-S MORAL IRRESPONSIBILITY AND, AT THE
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SAME TIME, STILL DEFEND HIS RIGHT TO RETAIN HIS COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP.

MANY OF POWELL-S CONSTITUENTS, KING COMMENTED, DO NOT FEEL THAT HE HAS BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE, BUT SEE HIM ONLY AS A NEGRO WHO HAS MADE IT IN THE WHITE MAN-S WORLD. LEVISON, ON HEARING THIS, SUGGESTED TO KING THAT HE AND OTHER NEGRO LEADERS SHOULD GET TOGETHER AT A LATER DATE TO DEVISE SOME STRATEGY TO CONTROL POWELL-S ARROGANCE.


KING AND LEVISON THEN DISCUSSED THE CONTENTS OF A STATEMENT WHICH LEVISON HAD PREPARED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN MC CORMICK. THE ESSENCE OF THE STATEMENT TO BEAR KING-S SIGNATURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

KING COMMENTED THAT TO DEPRIVE CONGRESSMAN POWELL OF HIS SEAT OR CHAIRMANSHIP, NO MATTER FROM WHAT ANGLE ONE VIEWS IT, IS DISCRIMINATORY BECAUSE THE SAME STANDARDS HAVE NEVER BEEN APPLIED TO ANY OTHER CHAIRMAN. KING SAID ON THESE GROUNDS HE STRONGLY DEFENDED POWELL-S RIGHT TO RETAIN BOTH HIS SEAT AND CHAIRMANSHIP. THE ISSUE, KING REMARKED, IS A CLEAR

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ONE. CONGRESSMAN POWELL-S RIGHTS DO NOT DEPEND ON HIS POPULARITY; NO MATTER HOW REPELLENT SOME OF POWELL-S CONDUCT MAY BE, KING CONTENDS THAT IT IS NOT A BASIS FOR TAKING AWAY THE SEAT WHICH ONLY HIS CONSTITUENTS CAN CONFER ON HIM. NOR IS IT A BASIS FOR DENYING POWELL HIS CHAIRMANSHIP WHEN THE GROUNDS OF DENIAL HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO APPLY EXCLUSIVELY TO HIM.



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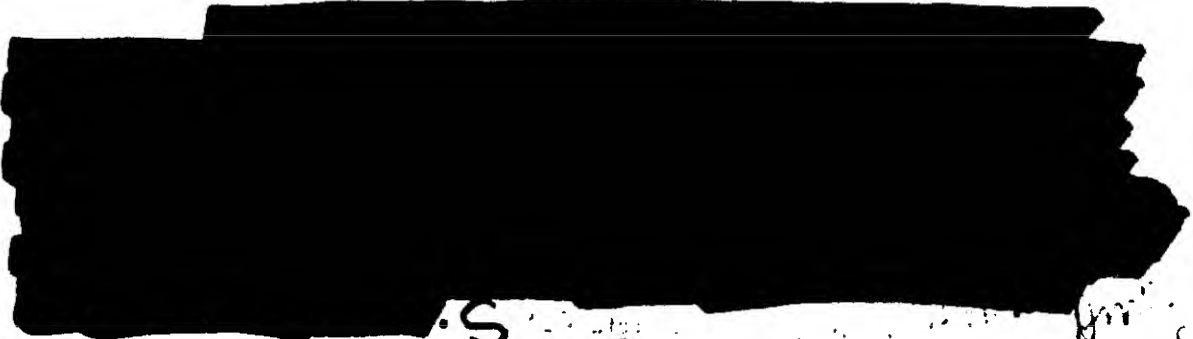
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

In early January, 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with Bernard Lee and Stanley Levison, his assistant and principal advisor respectively. Levison advised King that there was a group of people that wanted to meet King in New York on January 10, 1967. It was Levison's opinion that this group wanted to talk to King about the possibility of getting King to run for President of the United States in 1968. Levison identified two of the group's members as being William Coffin, Yale University Chaplain, and Norman Thomas, perennial candidate for President on the Socialist Party ticket.

King remarked that if he became a candidate for the Presidency, it would not be with the idea of winning, but to offer the voters an alternative. King added that he thought running for President of the United States would be interesting.

Levison counseled King that with the present political situation, 1968 could be fantastically frustrating for people. Because of this, King should give the idea of being a Presidential candidate some sober thought. King agreed with Levison.



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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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FROM : C. D. Brennan

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[REDACTED] advised on 1/5/67 that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with his assistant Bernard Lee and Stanley Levison, a long-time secret communist and principal advisor. Levison advised King that there was a group of people that wanted to meet with King in New York City on January 10, 1967. It was Levison's opinion that this group wanted to talk to King about the possibility of getting King to run for President of the United States in 1968. Levison identified two of the group's members as being William Coffin, Yale University Chaplain and Norman Thomas, perennial candidate for President on the Socialist Party ticket. King remarked that if he became a candidate for the Presidency, it would not be with the idea of him winning, but to offer the voters an alternative. He also added he thought that running for President of the U. S. would be interesting.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded by routing slips to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President; the Acting Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND NEW YORK (100-136585)

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

TO LOS ANGELES (100-57229)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL JANUARY FIVE, LAST.

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Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information from [REDACTED] source close to STANLEY LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office, the office of origin in captioned case; one copy is enclosed for the information of the Los Angeles Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
January 5, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

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On January 3, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison and Dr. Kenneth Clark, a Professor at City College, New York, New York, were in contact on that date. Their contact, according to the information received from the source, concerned a meeting which had been scheduled between Clark, Levison and Martin Luther King for Tuesday, January 3, 1967. 607b

The meeting, as originally scheduled, was cancelled due to King's inability to be in New York City on Tuesday, January 3, 1967, and was re-scheduled for January 10, 1967 in New York.

The source was of the opinion that this meeting will concern King's new book, which is scheduled to be completed in early February, 1967.

The source mentioned above also furnished information on January 3, 1967, which disclosed that Stanley Levison and Carey Mc Williams, the Editor of "The Nation" magazine, were in contact on that date. The source said the information obtained by him revealed that their contact was in reference to a desire of "The Nation" to have Martin Luther King participate in a panel discussion during a conference in Los Angeles, California, on February 25, 1967. In describing the conference, Mc Williams said it would be sponsored by "The Nation" and would be held to examine certain aspects of American foreign policy in the Pacific.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Among the speakers who will participate in the discussion will be Senator George Mc Govern, Senator Eugene Mc Carthy and Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh of Detroit, Michigan. King's presence is desired so he can talk on what he testified to during his appearance before Senator Abraham Ribicoff's Committee in Washington, D. C., on December 15, 1966.

It was learned that Mc Williams agreed to pay King an honorarium of \$1,000.00 to participate in the conference, which pleased Levison very much. Levison, after learning of the offer, felt that King could use the engagement as an opportunity to take a vacation in California.

Mc Williams reiterated the desire of "The Nation" that King repeat what he said during his testimony on December 15, 1966, specifically that the war in Vietnam is getting in the way of the civil rights movement. Levison, the source remarked, concurred that King should so state, but said King did not want to get the reputation that he had left the civil rights movement and become a peace spokesman.

The conference ended with Levison agreeing to contact King and urge that he participate in the affair on February 25, 1967.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

The April 13, 1964 issue of "The New York Times", page 23, contained an advertisement of the Emergency Committee for Civil Liberties (ECCL) which lists Carey Mc Williams of New York as a member of the ECCL Executive Committee. u

A characterization of the ECCL is set forth in the appendix page. u

The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, prepared and released a pamphlet dated November 8, 1957, entitled "Operation Abolition... The Campaign Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Government Security Program by the ECCL and its Affiliates". Pages eight and nine of this pamphlet contain information about Carey Mc Williams which included the following: u

Chairman, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; member of council, American Peace Crusade; member of National Council, American Peace Mobilization; vice-chairman, National Federation of Constitutional Liberties; sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress; sponsor of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and sponsor of the American-Slav Congress. u

The above-mentioned organizations have all been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

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APPENDIX

1.

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.

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APPENDIX

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists. U
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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.) U

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" U

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[REDACTED], today advised KING, accompanied by BERNARD LEE, arrived Los Angeles at 9:00 PM, 1/3/67, and immediately proceeded to the Hyatt House, Los Angeles, where they currently occupy rooms 216 and 217. [REDACTED] could furnish no additional information concerning KING's unexpected and unannounced visit to Los Angeles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], fully cognizant and will report any significant developments which might occur concerning KING. b(1)

No investigation contemplated by this office. However, should KING make any public appearances or statements of interest to the Bureau or contact known subversives, Los Angeles area, appropriate letterhead memorandum will be submitted UACB. Foregoing for the information of the Bureau and Atlanta.

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TO DIRECTOR -3- (100-106670) -ENCODED-
FROM NEW YORK (100-136585)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C (OO..AT)

ON ONE FIVE SIXTY SEVEN, [REDACTED] b(2) b7D
SOURCE CLOSE TO STANLEY LEVISON, FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH DISCLOSED
THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON AND BERNARD LEE (ASSISTANT
TO KING) WERE IN CONTACT ON THIS DATE CONCERNING SEVERAL MATTERS, ONE
OF WHICH WAS A REQUEST FROM HARRY WACHTEL THAT KING MEET WITH A GROUP
ON TUESDAY, ONE TEN SIXTY SEVEN, DURING HIS TRIP TO NYC. ACCORDING TO
SOURCE, LEVISON SAID WACHTEL TOLD HIM THAT NORMAN THOMAS (LEADING NATION-
AL SOCIALIST), WILLIAM COFFIN (YALE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN) AND OTHERS,
DESIRE TO CONFER WITH KING ABOUT A MATTER. LEVISON OPINED THAT THEY
WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING HIM TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT
OF THE US IN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. KING REMARKED THAT THIS WOULD
ADMITTEDLY BE NOT WITH THE IDEA OF WINNING, CONFIRMING THAT IT WOULD BE
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TO GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE. KING OPINED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POLITICS, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT RUNNING WOULD BE AN INTERESTING IDEA. LEVISON COMMENTED THAT AS THINGS ARE GOING, WITH THE PROSPECT THAT NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT COULD BE ONE OF THOSE FANTASTICALLY FRUSTRATING SITUATIONS FOR PEOPLE, HE THOUGHT IT HAD TO BE GIVEN SOME MORE SOBER THOUGHT. KING AGREED WITH LEVISON.

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5-10-68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

DATE: 12/12/66

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (100-14495) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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Re PG airtel to Director, 9/7/66; BS airtel to Director, 9/23/66 and CG airtel to Director, 9/26/66.

b7(c) [REDACTED] was advised of information contained in referenced airtels on 9/9/66.

Police Department records, IPD and credit bureau negative regarding subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-16238)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SCLC
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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Atlanta dated 12/20/66, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter; two copies designated for Atlanta for information.

The title of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being carried simply as SCLC and the character as Racial Matters as this more suitably reflects the nature of the contents of the letterhead memorandum.

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Chicago will continue to follow and the Bureau and interested offices will be appropriately advised of any subsequent developments.

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Reference has been made in the enclosed memorandum to DEMPSEY TRAVIS, identified as president of the Sivart Mortgage Company. As a matter of information, TRAVIS is a past president of the Chicago Branch, NAACP, 1960-61, and has served most recently as chairman of the Housing Committee, local branch of the NAACP. A Dun and Bradstreet confidential report on TRAVIS in February, 1966, reflected that he was president of the Travis Realty Company, 14 East 47th Street, Chicago, which company has annual billings of approximately three and a half million dollars. When interviewed by a Dun and Bradstreet representative in March, 1964, TRAVIS had stated that his realty company owned 12 buildings in the Chicago area and managed 240 others. The Sivart Corporation was incorporated in Illinois in 1953 with an authorized capital of \$500,000 and operates primarily as an FHA and VA mortgage banking institute, licensed to do business in both Illinois and Indiana. He is president of the Freeway Mortgage and Investment Company, Inc., as well as the Dempsey J. Travis Security and Investment Corporation. The Dun and Bradstreet report states that TRAVIS is well regarded locally, reflects that he was born in 1922, is married, served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946, attended Roosevelt University in Chicago and is reported to have a masters degree in psychology.

Concerning JESS GILL, also mentioned in the enclosed memorandum, Chicago indices contain no pertinent identifiable information.

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Chicago, Illinois
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 20, 1966, that Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., was in Chicago at the present time and was to hold a press conference at 11:00 AM on this date at the Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] had no information concerning King's arrival in Chicago, further activities on his part here or his plans for departure from Chicago. b7(D)

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In connection with the press conference held by Doctor King at the Liberty Baptist Church, the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of December 21, 1966, contained an article captioned "Doctor King Gives Totals

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of Pilot Project For \$4-Million Dollar Slum Rehabilitation Here." The article reflected generally that at this press conference King had outlined details of a program, federally sponsored, to rehabilitate slums in three Chicago neighborhoods. King and others had originally proposed such a program after the West Side racial disturbances in Chicago in July, 1966, and had sought the financial backing of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD). The continuing talks between Doctor King and HUD's Secretary, Robert C. Weaver, had resulted in the earmarking by HUD of four million dollars for a low interest, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insured loan.

King described this venture as a pilot project during this press conference where he was flanked by project associates and the director of the Chicago Office of the FHA. King stated that the proposal was developed primarily by the Community Renewal Foundation, a private, not for profit, agency, engaged in neighborhood improvements. The mortgager for this project is the Sivart Mortgage Company, a Negro owned firm.

King had stated that the Chicago Freedom Movement will set up a development corporation with directors in this corporation representing the SCLC, the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCC), local businessmen and persons drawn from the three communities in which the rehabilitation will take place. He stated that \$100,000 in "seed capital" would be raised to charter the corporation. This corporation will seek to rehabilitate approximately 500 family-size units in apartment buildings located in the Lawndale, East Garfield Park and Kenwood-Oakland neighborhoods. The unique aspect of this project, according to King, was in the fact that the rehabilitated, low rent housing would then be turned over to co-operative organizations to be subsequently administered by the community co-ops themselves.

King stated that the corporation to be formed would seek approval from the Cook County Department of Public Aid so that welfare recipients could become members of the co-operatives

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CONFERENCE (SCLC)

and have their rent allotments paid to the co-operatives.

The president of Sivart Mortgage Company, Mr. Dempsey Travis, was present at this press conference and stated that at least 125 buildings would be inspected for purchase during the next six weeks and initial contacts with some slum landlords had already indicated a willingness to sell slum properties to this new group.

The director of this project was to be a Jess Gill, a Chicagoan and former small loan specialist for the FHA. Gill was present at this press conference and stated that every effort would be made to employ Negro contractors and workers in the rehabilitation. He stated that it was his hope that the first application for purchase of a slum building, as to feasibility, could be presented to the local FHA office by February 1, 1967.

b7(D) [REDACTED] above, advised that information available to him reflected that subsequent to this press conference a meeting was held at the Liberty Baptist Church in Chicago. This was in the nature of a strategy meeting concerning the voter's registration campaign which is being sponsored in Chicago by the SCLC under the direction of Hosea Williams, the SCLC's Director of Voter's Registration. It was understood that an effort was to be made for representatives of the Chicago Freedom Movement, including the SCLC, to meet with the Board of Election Commissioners in Chicago later this afternoon, December 20, 1966, for the purpose of having voter's registration offices opened in predominantly Negro neighborhoods in Chicago, not only in the daytime hours but in the evening hours when it would be more convenient for many working people to visit them.

In this connection an article appeared in the December 21, 1966, edition of the "Chicago Daily News," captioned "Negro Vote Registration Plan Rejected." It reflected that a proposal aimed at making voter registration more convenient for Negroes was turned down Tuesday by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. AL RABY, Convener, CCCC, together with 14 other civil rights workers had met with Board Chairman Sydney T. Holzman.

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They had requested that six polling places in each ward be kept open for voter registration from noon to 9:00 PM between January 3 and 28, 1966, rather than merely from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, January 31, 1966, as is normally the pre-election procedure. They maintained that many Negroes were employed in menial positions and were not able to register between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. RABY stated it was a "tremendous burden and inconvenience" for Negroes to register on other days at the Board's downtown offices.

HOLZMAN had denied the group's request, pointing out that previous attempts to maintain such branch offices over a period of several days had been ineffective. He noted that in 1962, 106 such centers had been opened for 12 days between 1:00 PM and 9:00 PM and had only registered some 22,000 new voters. HOLZMAN described this as a great waste of taxpayers' money.

After the meeting RABY stated he would submit a compromise proposal in writing to be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

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On December 21, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that it was his understanding that Doctor King had departed from Chicago during the afternoon of December 21, 1966, however, he had no specific information as to the time and nature of his travel. [REDACTED] advised that Doctor King did not participate in the Chicago Freedom Movement Conference with Holzman. During King's presence in Chicago there were no incidents or disturbances in connection with his activities here.

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On December 20, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information had come to his attention that a conference between Stanley Levison and Thomas Offenberg of the SCLC Public Relations office took place on that date. Their conference, according to the source's information, disclosed the following:

Offenberg mentioned that the SCLC had received an inquiry from "The New York Times" and the "Washington Post" as to whether the SCLC desired to run an advertisement in the economic review section of these publications in January (1967). Levison instructed Offenberg to make certain that no advertisement appears, since to do so, would tend to give an impression to the public that the SCLC is well off financially.

Offenberg, according to the information from the source, related that on December 18, 1966, Martin Luther King (President of the SCLC) turned over the reins of the SCLC (while he takes time out to write his new book), and went to Chicago for a press conference concerning the housing project he plans to undertake in that city. But after the press conference, King was scheduled to take off for a while, Offenberg stated.

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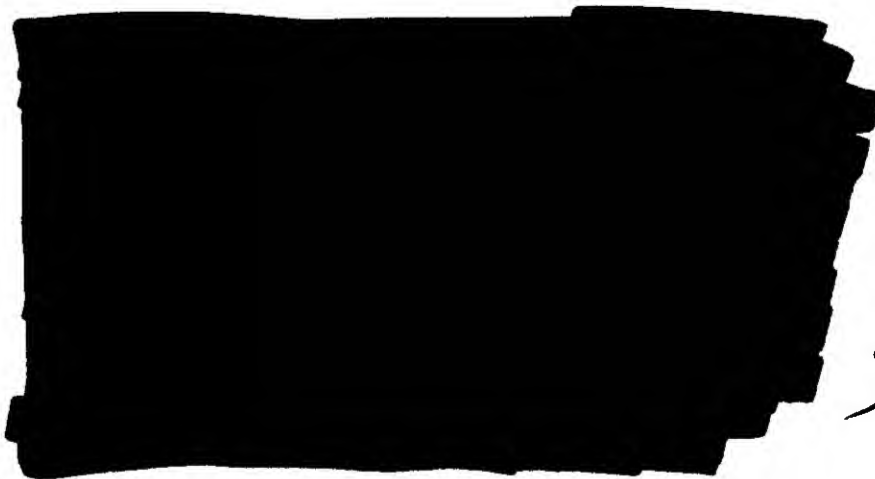
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With regard to the fund raising projects which the
SCLC has been working on in Houston and South Carolina, it
has been decided to postpone them until March, 1967. This,
Offenberger related, is due to King's efforts in writing his
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

A two page printed bulletin captioned "NEWS", published by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), dated December 13, 1966 indicated it had been prepared by JUNIUS GRIFFIN, Director of Public Relations and Office Administrator, SCLC, referred to the current intention of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, to take time from his other duties in order to write a new book.

This bulletin indicated Reverend KING's book, which will be published by "Harper & Row", is tentatively entitled "Where Do We Go From Here?" According to the bulletin, Reverend KING in his book intends to evaluate progress made by the civil rights movement toward justice and equality and "to analyze the resurgence of the so-called white backlash, implications of the 'Black Power' slogan, and the need for the Federal government to reorder priorities for the nation."

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JUNIUS GRIFFIN

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Atlanta, Georgia
December 23, 1966

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Title	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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On December 19, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that Stanley Levison and Andrew Young (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had conferred on that date. According to the information which the source was able to ascertain, Levison and Young talked about a testimonial for James Hoffa (President of the International Teamsters Union) which Hoffa's local in Detroit, Michigan was to have on December 20, 1966.

In that connection, Levison and Young discussed a telegram they were preparing for King which was to be read during the banquet. In essence, the greeting, as proposed for the telegram from King to Hoffa, would contain a statement that King would not make any effort to judge Hoffa (alluding to Hoffa's conviction and impending jail sentence) since he (King) had been confined on several occasions, therefore, could understand how a vigorous man would have real difficulties facing confinement.

The source said Levison thought the greeting to Hoffa should also make some mention of Hoffa's accomplishments in the field of civil rights, spelling out that the Teamsters Union has over one million members who are Negroes.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C.

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CHICAGO SOURCES ADVISE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN CHICAGO
DECEMBER TWENTY INSTANT AND SCHEDULED TO HAVE AM PRESS
CONFERENCE, LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICAGO. SUBSEQUENT PRESS
REPORTS REFLECT THAT AT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE KING ANNOUNCED
CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS IN CHICAGO TO ACQUIRE AND REHABILITATE UP TO
FIVE HUNDRED SLUM BUILDINGS, USING FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN INSURED
FHA LOANS. PLANS CALL FOR TURNING BUILDINGS SO PURCHASED INTO
COOPERATIVES. COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUESTED TO
ALLOW PUBLIC AID RECIPIENTS TO RESIDE IN BUILDINGS WITH
POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUALLY OWNING THESE APARTMENTS. KING ADVISED
FHA HAS SET ASIDE FOUR MILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL INSURANCE FUNDS
TO GUARANTEE SUCH LOANS. CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS TO FORM CORPORATION
TO BUY UP AND REHABILITATE SLUM BUILDINGS, THIS CORPORATION TO
INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC AND CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL OF
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

[REDACTED] HAS NO INFO CONCERNING KING'S
ARRIVAL, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ADVISES HE WAS TOLD KING
ARRIVED CHICAGO PM, DECEMBER NINETEEN LAST [REDACTED] ADVISES KING WAS
SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
THIS AFTERNOON CONCERNING SCLC VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, [REDACTED] b7(D)
[REDACTED] UNABLE TO CONFIRM SUCH MEETING HELD. CHICAGO SUOURCES HAVE NO
INFO AT PRESENT CONCERNING KING'S DEPARTURE. [REDACTED] ADVISES NO
INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH KING'S PRESENCE CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

Re New York airtel and LHM dated 11/30/66,
captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C."

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and
7 copies and for New York 2 copies of LHM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FEI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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and dated as above, containing information from
a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed
for Atlanta.

With regard to the meeting between STANLEY
LEVISON and MIKE MILLER, referred to in the LHM, SA
conducted a fisur at the Ford Foundation,
477 Madison Ave., NYC, on the afternoon of 12/14/66, but it
failed to reflect LEVISON's presence.

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In an effort to determine if KING, LEVISON and MILLER met at the New York Hilton Hotel on the night of 12/14/66, SA [REDACTED] also conducted a fisur at the hotel, but did not observe KING or LEVISON. u

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Communist Infiltration of the
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference, SCLC
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On December 13, 1966, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that it had come to his attention that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, the President of the SCLC had conferred on that date. The source learned that the following was discussed during their conference:

It was decided that King, Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) and Levison, would meet in King's hotel suite at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, on December 14, 1966, to go over King's testimony before the Senate Committee on urban matters on Thursday, December 15, 1966. At Levison's suggestion, King agreed that Michael Miller of the Ford Foundation, should also attend. Levison mentioned that he and Miller had been working on a memorandum which King would use during the hearing to present the program and view of the SCLC.

The source also advised on December 13, 1966 that Stanley Levison and Michael Miller of the Ford Foundation had conferred shortly after King and Levison concluded their conference. The source said he had learned that Miller and Levison had discussed the memorandum they were preparing for Martin Luther King's use when he testifies before Senator Abraham Ribicoff's Committee on Thursday, December 15, 1966. Levison, according to the source wanted Miller to accompany him to King's hotel suite at the New York Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, December 14, 1966 to confer about King's appearance.

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC

On December 14, 1966, the source said he had ascertained that Stanley Levison and Michael Miller had agreed to meet that afternoon in Miller's office at the Ford Foundation, 477 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Later, on the same date, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in contact, according to information received on December 14, 1966, from the same source. Their contact, to the best of source's information, was in regard to Martin Luther King's appearance before Senator Abraham Ribicoff's Committee on December 15, 1966. Actually, Levison wanted to get some figures concerning population figures which Jones had compiled. Jones' figures reflected that 78 of the larger cities in the United States now have a Negro population of 20 to 25 per cent and that by 1970, 25 of these cities will have a Negro population of over 50 per cent.

It was Jones' opinion that the financial and business communities in these cities, which control the national wealth, will not abandon the inner urban center to the happenstance of the ghetto, but will solve the problem of the ghetto rather than turn the city over to the black majority. Jones felt that the political structure will be dominated by the particular urban character of the population.

Jones, at Levison's insistence, agreed to send these population figures to King's hotel suite at the New York Hilton Hotel.

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. u

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The Labor Youth League has been designated
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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. C. D. Brennan *CD*

SUBJECT : MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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DATE: 12/14/66

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
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Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut (D), is the Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization which is currently holding public hearings in Washington, D. C., studying urban decay. During these hearings various civil rights leaders have been called upon to testify.

On December 13, 1966, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference will appear before this committee, date not known.

You will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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On December 8, 1966, a confidential source, who has 7354
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that
Martin Luther King (President of the SCLC), while in New York,
New York, on that date, conducted the following business for
the SCLC:

He met with Michael Miller of the Ford Foundation
and Harry Wachtel in Wachtel's law office at 598 Madison
Avenue, New York City, to discuss a grant the Ford Foundation
plans to give to the SCLC. The source said King presented
the SCLC's program to justify the grant.

Following the meeting at Wachtel's office, King
met with representatives of the Stern Foundation (a foundation
which has been working with Wachtel on a grant they plan to
give to the SCLC). The place of the meeting was unknown to source.

The same source mentioned above also advised on
December 8, 1966, that Stanley Levison and Dora McDonald
(King's personal secretary) conferred on that date about
the desire of King to meet with Levison later during the
day. Levison said he would meet with King at King's hotel
(the New York Hilton) after 6:00 p.m., December 8, 1966.

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On December 12, 1966, the forementioned source advised that Martin Luther King and Stanley Levison were in contact on that date. The following is in substance what transpired:

King said his contact was in reference to his testimony for Thursday (King's testimony before the Senate Committee headed by Senator Abraham Ribicoff which is considering urban matters). Levison told King that he would confer that night (December 12, 1966) with Michael Miller (Ford Foundation representative) concerning King's appearance. Levison said he and Miller would complete their work on Tuesday night, and would then submit their work for King's comments and observations.

King said he was still thinking about what he should say to the Committee since he did not want to repeat what other civil rights leaders have said. Levison agreed that it was a problem, but said material coming from academic people (apparently alluding to the people who are working with Miller and Levison), which makes mention to the inequality of the distribution of income, would be something new. The guaranteed income which King will testify about will be new, Levison said. Continuing, Levison said that despite all the prosperity in the country, the problems of the cities are not being solved, therefore, the guaranteed income would be something positive to help.

King said that somehow he must reiterate during his testimony that the war in Vietnam is standing in the way of the implementation of any of the things he urges be done. He said he must be strong on this point; that this is an open invitation to confusion, chaos, disruptions and riots. Levison said King's testimony would have to be analytical and passionate at the same time. They agreed that something could be done with the guaranteed annual income, giving facts and figures to support their position.

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The conference between King and Levison ended with King informing Levison that he would probably be in New York on Wednesday night (December 14, 1966) to confer with Levison before going on to Washington, D. C. on Thursday.

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York. This is a fund raising adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which Martin Luther King is President. u

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In connection with the slum rehabilitation program planned in Chicago, for which the four million dollar Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan will be used, King said his testimony next week before Congress should point out the need for getting the cities to solve the "high density open housing". But also, King said, there must be a recognition of a need to make the ghetto more liveable because no matter how much open housing becomes available, "you" would not get all the poor people out of the ghettos immediately. Therefore, he said, life in the ghetto must become more liveable and one way to do this is to make the ghetto more attractive.

Levison agreed with King that he must discuss housing in conjunction with urban problems when he testifies. He cautioned King against making any statement that the ghettos should be made more liveable but ~~should~~ ^{instead} include such a statement in a book or paper. Levison said he was afraid the press would misconstrue what King might say. King agreed with Levison's apprehension and agreed not to broach the issue.

Levison, in continuing his suggestions as to what King might say, said he thought King should testify to the need for an association of slum dwellers. In explaining, Levison said farmers are organized and have a powerful lobby to protect their interests; therefore, he thought slum inhabitants should also organize and have powerful lobby to protect their interests. King agreed with Levison and said he would make this suggestion.

King inquired of Levison if he thought the time was ripe to take up the guaranteed income issue. Levison said he thought so, as it pertains to the cities and pointed out that since the cities contain the mass of people who live on lower than starvation wages, they should be guaranteed an income. Levison said that in supporting this position, King could point out that in the cities "you have the very rich who live in beautiful apartment houses and you have the very poor who do service work".

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On the issue of rehabilitation of slums, Levison asked King if he would recommend that private industry be encouraged to do the work or a non-profit corporation. King said he thought it should be a combination, and he could not see any way to do rehabilitation work without the Government putting millions into it. Private agencies also have a great responsibility in this matter, King remarked.

Levison, in trying to think of other ways to help solve the slum conditions in the big cities, made reference to the Office of Price Administration (OPA) during and shortly after the second World War. He said the OPA froze the rents on apartments, a system which required all apartments to be registered and every tenancy; so therefore, he saw no reason why that system should not be reinstituted. In so doing, Levison said, when an apartment became available, instead of the landlord having the right to pick his tenant, which would mean a white tenant, the Government agency could select the tenant who applied first. Levison said under such a system a Negro would have to be accepted if he applied before the white man; this would automatically make for a dispersion of the slums because a Negro would have the right to be accepted if he made the first application.

In summing up what King's testimony should include, Levison said his proposals would be broken down into three basic parts: housing, education and jobs. Under housing the open housing question would be considered; under the education part, King would deal with what he considered necessary; under jobs, poverty and the guaranteed annual wage would be considered.

Levison and King also discussed getting a grant from the Ford Foundation. Levison said they (the SCLC) must take a serious approach to getting this grant, and said he was convinced that the Foundation is willing to give them one, but said it was important for the SCLC to lay its plans before the Foundation. He then inquired of King what he had planned for the remainder of the time he was to be in New York, as he (Levison) wanted King to meet with Michael Miller. King said he had to meet with Joan Daves (publishers representative) on Wednesday December 7, 1966, to

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discuss his new book; on Thursday, he said he would meet with representatives of the Stern Firm (Stern Foundation). Levison said Michael Miller would attend the meeting with the Stern Firm, so therefore, King could probably talk with him after that meeting. Levison suggested that they try to meet with Miller on Wednesday before they met with Daves. King agreed to this.

With regard to King's meeting with the Stern Firm (Stern Foundation), King said the meeting would start at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday (December 8, 1966) and would last for approximately four hours. King said Harry (Harry Wachtel) had arranged the meeting with Bess Myerson (former Miss America and television personality).

Levison and King ended their conference with Levison agreeing to meet King in his hotel suite at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York, New York, at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday. King told Levison he was staying in suite 2511-2513.

On December 7, 1966, at 1:20 p.m., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Stanley Levison enter the elevator in the New York Hilton Hotel, New York, New York, which goes to the 24-33rd floors. u

At 2:45 p.m., Levison and King were observed together walking through the lobby of the hotel; they went to the entrance and took a taxi. u

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FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (157-1799) - RUC -

SUBJECT: SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
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Re Norfolk airtel to the Director, 10/27/66, which requested the Richmond Office to review its indices and furnish background information concerning Dr. MILTON A. REID.

The files of the Richmond Office reflect the following references to Dr. MILTON A. REID:

Richmond file 157-160 captioned "RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, Danville, Va., June 1963, RM", reflects numerous references identifying Dr. MILTON A. REID of Petersburg, Va., Regional Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as one of the leaders participating in the demonstrations. Dr. REID was arrested and indicted by the City of Danville for participation in unlawful demonstration. It should be noted these cases are still pending.

Richmond file 56-51 captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALLEGED VOTING IRREGULARITIES, 11/5/63, ELECTION FOR STATE SENATOR, PETERSBURG, VA., EL", reflects a letterhead memorandum submitted to the Director, 11/16/63 which reflects that [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that Rev. MILTON REID, SCLC, Petersburg, Va., was considering protesting the 11/5/63 State Election in which he was an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator on the grounds that irregularities in voting procedures prohibited some Negroes in his district from voting. [REDACTED] advised that "TIME" magazine has completed work on a story regarding the allegation, and it will appear in the next issue which is due on the newsstands on 11/19/63.

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The "Progress Index", a daily newspaper, Petersburg, Va., on 3/28/60 reported that a meeting of the Hopewell Improvement League, Hopewell, Va., which was held to organize a campaign for economic moves against Hopewell business firms that "reserved the right to refuse service to anyone" identified among the speakers urging support of the program, Dr. MILTON REID of Petersburg.

Norfolk letter to the Director, 5/13/63, captioned "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., IS - C, ISA - 1950", sets forth information concerning a conference captioned "TIME FOR ACTION IN THE MID-SOUTH", which was held at Virginia State College, 4/26 - 27/63, on page 8 sets forth information concerning the announcement of this conference and lists the names of "Resource People" and included in these names was Dr. MILTON A. REID, Petersburg, Va.

On 3/15/66, the "Richmond Times-Dispatch", a daily newspaper, Richmond, Va., reported that a memorial service was held in Virginia in honor of Rev. JAMES REEB, a white Boston minister fatally beaten during racial unrest in Selma, Alabama. According to the article at the Petersburg, Va., service, Rev. Dr. MILTON REID, Petersburg Baptist Minister, led the group in a prayer. The article stated that Dr. REID had returned home last week from Selma, Alabama, and plans to return there again this week.

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On 7/3/65, the "Richmond Times-Dispatch", identified Dr. MILTON A. REID of Petersburg, Va., an official of the National SCLC as the keynote speaker at the first annual convention of the Virginia unit of SCLC held in Petersburg, Va., on 7/2/65.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on December 1, 1966, indicating that a conference between Stanley Levison, Andrew Young (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) and Dora McDonald (personal secretary to Martin Luther King) took place on that date. The conference, according to the source, was in regard to King's contemplated tour of Israel, and in this connection, the following transpired:

Young mentioned that he had just returned from Israel, and after reporting to King, he (Young) was told to confer with Levison and to discuss his (King's) forthcoming trip. Levison then inquired of Young as to what he learned concerning the official invitation (from Israel) and Young replied that he met with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel, and with the Foreign Minister of Jordan, and that both of them were very anxious for King to visit their countries.

Young said he assured representatives of both countries that "we" (King and party) would discuss with them anything that King would say about the present situation (the hostilities between Israel and the Arab countries), and that his (King's) primary purpose was not political in terms of engaging in their political situation, but Young said he made no promise that King would not speak on the situation.

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Young said the representatives did not appear concerned about that. However, in the event open warfare should begin, it would jeopardize the whole plan, Young opined.

Levison said he had to confess that he was very surprised that Israel wanted the tour. Young said both Israel and Jordan were scared to death about the hostilities, because they get their biggest income from tourists. Young said he was of the opinion that the travel agents abroad who are handling the tour are big time operators. Young said, however, that he thought the tour would be handled efficiently although he had to worry about the problem of over commercializing it. Levison said he thought Young could take an additional safeguard by having King contact Doctor Ralph Bunche, and get his opinion as to how the tour should be handled in order to avoid antagonizing Israel and the Arab countries.

The problems in connection with the tour, according to Young, are in the United States rather than in Israel. In the event the promotional work in this country is successful, there should be a pilgrimage of two or three thousand people, a factor which could prevent a war, Young remarked. In explaining, Young said such a large number of people would be such a boom to the economy of the countries in question, that they could not afford to have a war.

Levison, in trying to clearly express his feelings on the matter of war between Israel and the Arab countries said, "This" (the present hostilities) is a part of the cold war picture; that it's not merely that the Arabs don't want the Jews and that the Jews are determined to stay; and it's not on a level of mere prejudice; that, one could even deal with it if it were". But instead, according to Levison, "one has the Arab world, meaning Egypt, Syria and Iraq, with one political orientation right now, Israel with another, and Jordan, with a third". Therefore, when one talks about a project in Jordan, the project, itself, might be scuttled by Arabs because there is an intra-Arab conflict, Levison said. Due to this, Levison said he despaired of King finding some position to take, because one really has to be a genius in

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this situation. Young agreed, adding, however, that due to King's position as a Nobel prize winner, he could be influential. Levison disagreed, cautioning that King's stature as a Nobel prize winner was not a very important factor in this dispute.

In reverting to the matter of funds to be derived from the tour, Levison was of the opinion that a full time person should be appointed by King, to supervise and work with Concreta Tours, the agency handling the tour in this country. Levison said this was necessary since a very substantial amount comes in just as deposits. Concreta Tours, Levison said, should pay the salary of the person appointed. It was agreed between Levison and Young that a female with some experience in the travel business, would be engaged to work as a supervisor to insure that the SCLC gets all the funds to which it is entitled.

Another point which was discussed during the conference was the aid which the SCLC expects to get from the Ford Foundation. In this regard, Levison mentioned that he recently talked with Michael Miller of the Foundation who indicated the willingness of the Foundation to give money to the SCLC. In fact, Miller, Levison commented, expressed a willingness to support the SCLC's "Operation Breadbasket" (a project in Chicago). Young was of the opinion that this project has an element of boycott in it. Levison agreed, but said it could be played down; that the SCLC had never resorted to boycotts and that it could be presented as something in which negotiation is the main element and which has been used to win all their victories. Levison said it was analogous to organizing a union; that one does not say that strikes are inevitable. Levison said he thought "Operation breadbasket" should be given special emphasis because "they" (SCLC) are very interested in creating jobs in the ghettos and that this project does this.

Dora McDonald interjected to tell Levison that the SCLC office in Atlanta, Georgia, had received two letters in the last few days; one from a man in Phoenix, Arizona, and one from a man in Manhattan, Kansas, referring to a film entitled,

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"Anarchy U.S.A.", that is being shown by the John Birch Society. McDonald said it was quite obvious that the films were anti-Martin Luther King. She explained her inability to answer the writers of the letters, and thought she should get Levison's advice. She said one of the writers is a minister, who desires that King respond to it. In reading a portion of his letter, McDonald pointed out that the minister is very much distressed to see the film depict King as a revolutionary leader for America, supposedly using the same tactics used by the Communists in Cuba, Algeria and China; that although the film does not call King a Communist it implies it. Levison said he thought it would be easy to frame an answer since the charge was so stupid, as the revolutionaries mentioned just happened to be the ones that carried on armed revolt. He instructed McDonald to get the letters for him and he would answer them.

Before concluding the conference in question, Levison told McDonald that he finished the speech he was to prepare for King to deliver to a Jewish group in Chicago, Illinois. He said King would actually telephone the group on December 11, 1966, during which time he would read the speech.

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PROPOSED SPEECH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
BEFORE LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 22, 1966

On November 23, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7(D)
advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Martin Luther King arrived Alexandria, Louisiana, 7:45 p.m., November 22, 1966, on Trans-Texas Airlines at Esler Field.

King spoke before approximately 9,000 representatives and guests of the Louisiana Education Association (LEA), an all Negro group of Louisiana educators, on the evening of November 22, 1966, at Rapides Parish Coliseum.

On November 28, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7(C)
Alexandria Police Department, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Deputies of the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, Alexandria, Louisiana, escorted King from Esler Field to Alexandria where he was given police protection by the Alexandria Police Department. [REDACTED] advised that King departed Alexandria the morning of November 23, 1966, destination unknown.

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HE CALLED THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIETNAM POLICY "INSANE,
IRRATIONAL AND PARANOID."

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT
CONNECTED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE INSTIGATED WILD DEMONSTRATIONS ON
MANY COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THEY CALLED THE CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS
"DANGEROUSLY IRRELEVANT, IRRESPONSIBLE, AND DEMAGOGIC."

THE STEERING COMMITTEE MET FOR AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF WITH ADAM
WALINSKY, KENNEDY'S LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AND SAID THAT "HE
NEITHER COMMITTED HIMSELF NOR DID HE DISCOURAGE US."

AMONG THE SCHOOL REPRESENTED ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE ARE
BROOKLYN COLLEGE, HUNTER COLLEGE, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY,
THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, BRANDEIS, AMHERST, HARVARD LAW
SCHOOL, YALE, AND DUKE.

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ADD 1 KENNEDY, WASHINGTON (UPI-132)

LATER TODAY THE STEERING GROUP MET WITH KENNEDY WHO REJECTED THEIR PROPOSAL.

SCHAFLANDER SAID KENNEDY "REFUSED CATEGORICALLY" TO BREAK WITH THE JOHNSON POLICY AND ENDORSE THE U THANT PROPOSAL "BECAUSE OF OTHER FACTORS WE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT."

SCHAFLANDER SAID KENNEDY TOLD THE GROUP TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED TO AND ADDED THAT THE SENATOR DID NOT APPEAR "TOO FRIENDLY" AND DID NOT LIKE THE PRESSURE PUT ON HIM.

AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING SCHAFLANDER SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT SUPPORT KENNEDY IN 1968 AND ADDED IT WILL URGE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO DISCOURAGE THEMSELVES FROM THE SENATOR.

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